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June 30, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS WITH  
TWO HORSE CONSTRUCTION AND ZUSSER COMPANY, INC.  
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF  
ALTADENA, CITY TERRACE, AND MONTE NIDO  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 3, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amounts for public works construction contracts with Two Horse Construction and Zusser Company, Inc., in the unincorporated communities of Altadena, City Terrace, and Monte Nido.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Find that the requested changes in work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the increased contract amounts and the changes for the following construction contracts:

- Project ID. No. EPD0000001 - Obregon Park, et al., to construct sidewalk and concrete curb, in the unincorporated communities of City Terrace and Altadena, Two Horse Construction, for variations in bid quantities and pruning of tree roots, with an increase in the contract amount of \$13,150.

- Project ID No. RDC0014664 - Saddle Peak Road at Culvert Marker 0.18, to restore roadway slopes and reconstruct roadway, in the unincorporated community of Monte Nido, Zusser Company, Inc., for additional excavation and backfill, with an increase in the contract amount of \$210,000.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain the Board of Supervisor's (Board) approval for changes in public works contracts in support of the timely completion of the projects while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the attachment for each contract.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Attached for your authorization are changes in work in excess of the Director of Public Works' delegated limits, which are required to complete Project ID Nos. EPD0000001 and RDC0014664.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated change order amounts for these contracts are increases of \$13,150 and \$210,000.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the requested changes. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes, together with contract cost summaries, are included in the attachments.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of the subject contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in work as described above and in the attachments do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the attachments.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**


Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under each of the respective contracts and result in complete and usable facilities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

  
GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

## CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)

June 30, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. EPD0000001 - OBREGON PARK, ET AL. (in the unincorporated communities of City Terrace and Altadena), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5,  
Contractor: Two Horse Construction

### Project Description:

Construction of sidewalk using rubber pavers or concrete, concrete curb, and other appurtenant improvements.

### Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$ 5,450.00
(2) Root Pruning Trees at Obregon Park	<u>7,700.00</u>
Total	<u>\$13,150.00</u>

### Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It will be necessary to prune the roots of the trees at Obregon Park that interfere with the construction of the proposed pathway. This work is not shown on the plans.

The costs for Items 1 and 2 will be based on contract unit prices.

Four additional working days will be required because of these changes.

### Financial Information:

Funding for these changes in work is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Solid Waste Management Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$166,585.00
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>13,150.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$179,735.00</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	7.9%

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CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)  
June 30, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014664 - SADDLE PEAK ROAD AT CULVERT MARKER 0.18  
(in the unincorporated community of Monte Nido), Supervisorial District 3,  
Contractor: Zusser Company, Inc.

Project Description:

Restoration of roadway slopes and reconstruction of roadway pavement damaged during the rainstorms of January and February 2005.

Change in Work:

Additional Excavation and Backfill	\$210,000.00
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Description of Change:

The plans call for the contractor to excavate down to competent rock to construct the new improvements. The depth of this rock is deeper than anticipated and will require additional excavation and backfill. The cost for this work will be based on contract unit prices.

Twenty-seven additional working days will be required because of this change.

Financial Information:

This repair is necessary as a result of damage caused by the rainstorms of January and February 2005. We are seeking reimbursement for a portion of the project cost under Federal and State disaster assistance programs. A portion of the cost of the project will be financed with State Proposition 1B funds under the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006. Funding for this project is included in the Third Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,306,820.00
Change in work to be authorized	<u>210,000.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$1,516,820.00</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	16%

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